Non-Receipt of Payments for Military Equipments supplied to Nepal

†2756. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a payment of about 2.64 crore dollars for providing military equipments to the Nepalese Army has not been made to more than 20 Indian companies even after a lapse of 18 months; and

(b) If so, the action proposed to be taken by government to recover the money from the Government of Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) There are certain outstanding dues payable by the Government of Nepal on account of purchase of defence supplies from India for use by the royal Nepalese Army.

(b) The Government is fully seized of this matter. It has urged the Government of Nepal to settle outstanding dues at the earliest.

Overstaying by Foreigners

2757. SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased tc state:

(a) the number of visas issued to the foreigners to visit India during the last one year;

(b) the number of cases that have been reported regarding the foreigners' overstay in the country after the expiry date endorsed in their visas; and

(c) the action taken by Government in these overstay cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI. E. AHAMMED): (a) According to available information 16,41,178 visas were issued to foreigners in 2005.

(b) As per the details available with the Foreign Regional Registration Offices and State Government, 5,26,800 foreigners overstayed in the country in 2005.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) One of the foliowing actions is taken in overstay cases:

(i) Overstay is regularized by charging visa fees in genuine cases where overstay is unintentional or because of ignorance.

(ii) where the overstay is found to be intentional, the foreigner is served with leave India Notice after charging penalty/visa fee.

(iii) Police case is registered under the provisions of Foreigners Act to take legal action.

(iv) If required, the foreigner is deported to his/her country.

(v) Depending on objectionable activities of the foreigner, his/her name is placed in the negative list.

Setting up of Atomic Parks

2758. SMT. SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether in relation to the recent US-India civilian nuclear deal, Government are thinking of setting up an 'Atomic Park' to augment nuclear power generation capacity at a fast pace;

(b) whether the Prime Minister has also initiated the ground work on the proposal;

(c) whether the sole nuclear power producers have been sounded out on the plans to have such disignated site for harnessing nuclear generation in the country; and

(d) by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (d) The developments related to US-India civilian nuclear understading may open the possibility of large nuclear power capacity addition through international cooperation. In order to exploit the full potential of nuclear capacity addition, a number of units can be located at a given site. The Government has constituted a site selection Committee to locate suitable sites which can accomodate such multiple units. The site Selection Committee has requested the state governments to offer sites for its consideration. Since the actual setting up of nuclear power plants through international cooperation is linked to the adjustments of relevant international regimes for enabling full international